

wherein the case is configured so that when the first means for catching and the second means for catching mate to lock the intermediate element to the base, the intermediate element is arranged substantially entirely on one side of said plane.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend Figs. 7a and 7b in accordance with the Request for Approval of Drawing Change filed concurrently herewith. --

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-14 and added new claims 15-44.

Applicant notes that independent claims 15, 33, 35, and 38 refer to a "first catch member" and a "second catch member", rather than a "first catch means" and a "second catch means" as set forth in former claims 1, 12, and 13. Applicant also notes that none of these terms appearing in pending claims 15, 33, 35, and 30 and former claims 1, 12, and 13 is a limitation under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 6th paragraph. In contrast, claims 41-44 recite "first means for catching" and "second means for catching" which are means plus function limitations according to 35 U.S.C. § 112, 6th paragraph.

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